

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I, as a consumer, demand and deserve.

It is a personal choice for a consumer to pay for satellite radio service. Such a service provides a much broader spectrum of choices than the localized market. I would liken it to cable television, which is a paid for service, for which a consumer can also elect which channels and programming to receive from its cable provider(s). It is an added benefit to also receive localized traffic and weather from satellite radio -- as a choice. This is something that I, as a consumer with choice, elect to receive.

If I am already listening to programming on satellite radio, I am less likely to switch to traditional local broadcast stations, which are not as current, specific, or desirable to listen to, for traffic and weather. It would be simpler to get more specific information from a cell phone!

Satellite radio offering localized programming is open and fair competition in the marketplace. If nothing else, I believe that it would cause local broadcasters to step-up and provide consumers with a better product, more choice, and that would be more desirable.

Please don't take away my rights as a consumer to receive the services I demand, desire and pay for.

Respectfully,
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